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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DOCUMENT USED TO JUSTIFY SHIPMENT OF
PROBABLE REMAINS OF JOHN J. SULLIVAN TO THE U.S. FOR
FORENSIC EXAMINATION:

- THE REMAINS OF A SIX FOOT, 180 POUND MALE FOUND ON
JULY 9, 1982, AND BURIED ON DECEMBER 30, 1980, AT NUEVO
CUSCATLAN CAN BE IDENTIFIED. SUFFICIENT REMAINS ARE
AVAILABLE TO BOTH ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL
AND TO PROVIDE VALUABLE CLUES TO THE NATURE OF THE DEATH
AND PROBABLE CAUSE.

- THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT THE PERSONNEL, TECHNOLOGY AND
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE SEVERAL WEEKS OF NECESSARY
EXAMINATION ARE EXTREMELY RARE. ONLY A FEW NATIONS IN THE
WORLD AND POSSIBLY ONLY TWO STATES IN THE UNITED STATES
HAVE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES. REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COM-
PLETE THE ABLE EXAMINATION PREVIOUSLY BEGUN BY SALVADORAN
OFFICIALS WILL BE A TEAM DRAWN FROM THE RESOURCES OF
SEVERAL NATIONS.

- THE NECESSARY TESTS AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT WILL
BE: A) A SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE WITH EDAX CAPABI-
LITIES; B) HISTO-CHEMICAL AND BIO-CHEMICAL MICROSCOPIC PRO-
CEDURES; C) ULTRA-VIOLET STUDIES; D) TISSUE TYPE; E) QUAN-
TITATIVE POLARIZING MICROSCOPY AND FLORESCENT MICROSCOPY;
F) NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS.

- FURTHER COMPLICATING THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE THE
NEED FOR EXPENSIVE COMPUTER RESOURCES FOR THE RECONSTRUC-
TION OF THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY. USING THESE RESOURCES
ADEQUATELY WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST A TEAM OF FORENSIC SPE-
CIALISTS TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL ASPECTS OF THE DEATH AND
TEN PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS TO RECONSTRUCT THE BODY.

- THE METROPOLITAN PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL TEAM IN
POMONA, NEW YORK, IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ALL
OF THIS TECHNOLOGY IN EACH OF THESE TESTS. THE FORENSIC
AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL SPECIALISTS ARE LED BY DR. FREDERICK
T. ZUGIBE, PHD, M.D., F.A.C.C., P.C.

- WHILE THE METROPOLITAN PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL TEAM
USES THE TALENTS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FROM NEW YORK
CITY'S FINEST RESEARCH AND TEACHING HOSPITALS, DR. ZUGIBE
HAS GATHERED THE NECESSARY MATERIAL AT THE ROCKLAND
COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

- A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS BY DR. ZUGIBE OF X-RAYS TAKEN
OF THE REMAINS FOUND IN JULY OF 1982 AT NUEVO CUSCATLAN
WHEN COMPARED TO X-RAYS BELONGING TO JOHN SULLIVAN (TAKEN
IN 1972) HAS ALREADY LED TO "A HIGH PROBABILITY" OF IDEN-
TIFICATION. DR. ZUGIBE HAS FOUND A "STRIKING SIMILARITY
OF THE GROWTH ARREST LYING IN THE PROXIMAL TIBIAL META-
PHYSIS."

- PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS HAVE SUFFICIENTLY CONVINCED
DR. ZUGIBE OF THE LIKELY IDENTITY OF THE REMAINS FOUND
ON JULY 9, 1982, THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THE METROPOLITAN
PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL TEAM CAN BOTH ESTABLISH A DEFIN-
ITE IDENTIFICATION AND PROVIDE VALUABLE INFORMATION AS
TO THE DEATH.

- ONLY A PROMPT DELIVERY OF THE REMAINS IN QUESTION
WILL PROVIDE A DEFINITE ANSWER.

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